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SUBJECT: ERNESTO BENADO AND MIRTA ATENCIA AUTHORIZED TO LEAVE
ARGENTINA

REF: (A) 76 BUENOS AIRES 7429, (B) BUENOS AIRES 1094

1. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. THE NAME OF ERNESTO BENADO REJOVITZSKY APPEARED ON THE JULY 16 INTERIOR MINISTRY LIST OF PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO LEAVE ARGENTINA. EMBASSY WILL CONFIRM THE DATE OF HIS DEPARTURE AND PROPOSED DESTINATION WHEN IT BECOMES KNOWN IN ORDER FOR DEPARTMENT TO REPLY TO PARTIES INTERESTED IN THIS CASE. (REF. A)

2. ALSO APPEARING ON THE LIST OF PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY WAS MIRTA CHRISTINA ATENCIA. MISS ATENCIA'S CASE GAINED PROMINENCE LAST FEBRUARY WHEN THE SUPREME COURT ORDERED ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES EITHER TO PERMIT HER TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY OR RELEASE HER WITHIN 20 DAYS. (SEE REF. B) GOA DID NOT COMPLY WITH THE ORDER IN FEBRUARY, BUT APPARENTLY HAS AUTHORIZED MISS ATENCIA'S DEPARTURE NOW IN JULY. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

3. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. COMMENT: GOA'S AUTHORIZING ERNESTO BENADO TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY IS PROBABLY IN RESPONSE TO STRONG
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INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE. BENADO, A NATURALIZED ARGENTINE CITIZEN,
IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE BEEN AN ACTIVIST WITH THE EXTREME CHILEAN
LEFT AND PROBABLY A MEMBER OF THE CHILEAN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
MIR, WHO WOULD NOT OTHERWISE APPEAR TO BE A STRONG CANDIDATE FOR
RELEASE OUTSIDE OF ARGENTINA. END CONFIDENTIAL.
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